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One Day Late

For three weeks the EVANGELIST has gone out of the office on Fridays instead of Thursdays as before. Those who have been getting their paper on Monday instead of Saturday will know why it was. This week we mail on time again, and hope to continue to do so, except at times when we get too much crowded.

Brevities

Two British ships, each over a century old, were still sailing the seas last year.

A single swallow will devour 6000 flies in a day.

The largest gun ever built in this country, and having a reach of fifteen miles, has just been tested before army officers in South Bethlehem, Pa.

The horse trade is good all the world over. One hundred and fifty thousand horses and mules have been landed in South Africa since the beginning of war.

There are 62 miles of tunnels in the fortified rock of Gibraltar.

It has been stated that 250,000,000 microbes can stand on a penny postage stamp without undue crowding.

Probably 100,000 people lost kindred in the Texas calamity.

For the third time in 20 years Great Britain has a general election on hand at the same time as the United States.

Bootblacks may not do business in Boston on Sunday.

It has been ascertained that one of the mountains in the moon is thirty-six thousand feet high, while several are upwards of thirty thousand feet.

Miss Helen Gould purchased 50,000 army rations for the Galveston sufferers.

More than two million trees have been planted along the line of the railroad in North Dakota to serve as protection from snowdrifts.

We wear away two inches of shoe leather in a year. A pair of boots that would "last a lifetime" would, consequently, have to be provided with soles from 8 feet to 9 feet thick.

A sad leaf in the history of telegraphic communication is encompassed in the story that never before has there been so many messages sent to the dead as at Galveston. Thousands of dispatches have been sent to persons who were destroyed by the recent hurricane, and who can never call for them.

Lightning has killed so many cattle while they were standing near wire fences that it is proposed to diminish the danger by means of ground wires, which will conduct the electricity into the earth.

The Prince of Wales receives, on an average, between 500 and 600 letters a day. Over 200 of these are generally begging letters.

Considering the number of people one meets who are always losing their umbrellas it is rather remarkable that only 170,000 are left in public conveyances in London each year.

Horses, when asleep, always have one ear pointed forward. The object evidently is to hear sounds indicating danger, whether they come from the front or the rear.

Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, who has returned from his visit to Europe in search of books, spent \$12,000 for volumes needed by the Congressional Library. He visited all the principal cities of Europe and searched thru dark, dusty second-hand stores, as well as among the first-class book dealers.

Some years ago one of the biggest railroad corporations of this country employed a confidential peacemaker, with the idea of preventing suits, as possible, for personal damages. It has proved a profitable innovation, and is being taken up by other railroads.

Our Cream Pitcher

Alexander Maclaren

We have no God that lurks in darkness, but one that has come into the light. We have to run, not into a refuge that is built upon a "perhaps," but upon "Verily, verily I say unto thee." Let us build rock upon rock, and let our faith correspond to the faithfulness of Him that has promised.

Dr. J. M. Buckley

It is well to forget some things, but it is well also to remember some things, and if we are forced to admit that in regard to some "the remembrance of them is grievous unto us," it is equally true that of others the remembrance of them is a solace, a cordial, an inspiration, and an abiding satisfac-

tion of which we would not soon consent to be dispossessed. We should, then, forget the things that ought to be forgotten, and remember those that ought to be enshrined in memory.

But whether we forget or remember we should be constantly "reaching forth unto those things which are before." It will not do for a Christian to abide too long in one place in his religious experience. Progress is the law of spiritual being and of spiritual nurture. We must "press toward the mark," and as the impulse to do this arises always from within it must not be yielded to with reluctance or restraint, for herein lies the opportunity for spiritual development. The mysteries of the kingdom of God are not revealed to those who stand still in their religious life; but it is to those who "press toward the mark" that the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" is surely awarded.

"A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

" 'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye:—

"That prize, with peerless glories bright,
Which shall new luster boast,
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust."

Bishop Ryle

The cares of this life, unless they are kept continually in the second place, will eat as doth a canker; they will poison everything spiritual within you; they will dry up all the springs of your religious feelings; they will wither every blossom that may have appeared. O the seeds that God doth plant are very tender! They will not bear the crowding and the jostling of ten thousand earthly schemes; they must have the best place in your affections; the broadest, sunniest spot within your heart, or else they will most surely perish. Think not to tell me that you have so much anxiety about your families, your husbands, your wives, your food, your clothing, your neighbors—so many troubles of an earthly nature—that you cannot think so much of heaven as you desire, but you hope some time to have a better opportunity. It will not do. This is the poorest, commonest excuse of all. There never was an almost-Christian who did not find out he had some peculiar difficulties which no one else experienced. Be sure your cares will never cease; it is the cup which every man must drink. O go to Christ at once, and take your cares with you, and lay them all on him! The more trials you have in this world, the more you should be looking to the world to come.

F. B. Meyer.

Tenderness does not mean weakness, softness, effeminateness. It is consistent with strength, manliness, truth and bravery. It does not show itself alone in the touch, but in unselfishness, forbearance, patience, long-suffering. But, however it shows itself, it is as the bloom on the peach, as spring showers on the earth, as the music of the angels stealing down on the plains of Bethlehem. You may not have much of this world's wealth to distribute, but you may give something better, and spend a useful and beneficent life if you will practice this lesson of shedding around you the grace of human tenderness, in word and act, and by the spirit of your life.

F. W. Robertson

In Christ there is not given to us a faultless essay on the loveliness of self-consecration to convince our reason how beautiful it is; but there is given to us a self-consecrated one, a living truth, a living person, a life that was beautiful, a death that we feel in our inmost hearts to have been divine, and all this in order that the spirit of that consecrated life and consecrated death, thru love and wonder and deep enthusiasm, may pass into